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REMARKS

The Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection.

Claims 11-24 are pending.

Claims 11-24 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-10 of parent U.S. Patent No. 6,748,578. Without admitting to the propriety of the rejection, the Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to avoid the rejection.

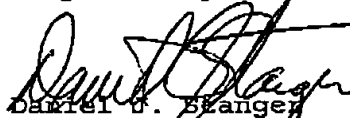
In addition, minor amendments have been made to Claims 11, 13, 14, 17, 20, 23 and 24 as noted above. It is believed that the amendments do not narrow the scope of the claims, and the Applicants note further that the amendment is not made for purposes of patentability.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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